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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRALS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION:
VATICAN

REF: STATE 239977

1. OCTOBER 10, SARROS CALLED ON MSGR. SILVESTRINI, VATICAN UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND, DRAWING ON POINTS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, BRIEFED HIM ON POST-CSCE DEVELOPMENTS.

2. SILVESTRINI COMMENTED THAT VATICAN LOOKS WITH FAVOR AT BILATERAL EFFORTS BY SIGNATORIES TO PROBE WARSAW PACT IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE PROVISIONS, OTHERWISE, HE SAID, WARSAW PACT WOULD BE INCLINED TO IGNORE SUCH PROVISIONS WITH PASSING OF TIME.

3. ACCORDING TO SILVESTRINI, VATICAN HAS OBSERVED A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON PART OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO FREE MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY IN COMPARISON WITH EXPERIENCE ENCOUNTERED LAST YEAR. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS GENERAL OBSERVATION HAS BEEN ATTITUDE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH
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STILL REMAINS RIGID.

4. WITH REGARD TO RLE OF INTERNATIONAL FORA, SUCH AS ECE AND UNESCO, IN MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE RESULTS, HE STATED THAT THE VATICAN HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED UNESCO QUERY AND, ALTHOUGH AN OFFICIAL VATICAN POSITION IS STILL TO BE FORMULATED IN RESPONSE TO THAT QUERY, HE VOLUNTEERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT INTERNATIONAL FORA SHOULD HAVE A ROLE IN CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

5. SILVESTRINI WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EXPRESS VATICAN'S GRATITUDE FOR US COUNTESY IN THE SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE HAD ON THE SUBJECT OF CSCE. VOLPE

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